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SUBJECT: COUNTY-LEVEL CADRE RESIST PEKING'S AGRICULTURAL POLICIES

1. IN A LETTER TO THE EDITOR IN THE KUANGMING DAILY (AUGUST 18), SEVERAL "GRASSROOTS" CADRE IN SHANSI COMPLAINED THAT THEY ARE FINDING IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT THE ORDERS OF YUN CH'ENG PREFECTURE AUTHORITIES PROHIBITING INDIVIDUAL FARMERS FROM HAWKING PRODUCE FROM THEIR PRIVATE PLOTS AT RURAL "FREE" MARKETS. THE LOW-RANKING CADRES, MOST LIKELY AT THE BRIGADE OR PRODUCTION TEAM LEVEL, GRUMBLED THAT THEIR ATTEMPTS TO CHASE THE HAWKERS AWAY ARE THWARTED BY FARMERS STUBBORNLY REFUSING TO MOVE AND WAVING COPIES OF PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLES TRUMPETING THE KEY ROLE THAT THE RURAL MARKETS PLAY IN PEKING'S CURRENT AGRICULTURAL POLICIES.

2. COMMENT: THE PUBLICATION OF THE LETTER IS A BACK-HANDED ILLUSTRATION OF THE SUPPORT WHICH THE REGIME'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CURRENT AGRICULTURAL POLICIES HAVE GARNERED FROM THE INDIVIDUAL CHINESE FARMER AND LOWER-LEVEL CADRE. IT ALSO RAPS THE KNUCKLES OF SOME OBSTREPEROUS MIDDLE-RANKING CADRE, ESPECIALLY AT THE COUNTY AND PREFECTURE LEVEL, WHO APPARENTLY ARE BALKING AT THE CHANGES IN PEKING'S POLICIES AFFECTING RURAL COMMERCE. OFFICIALS IN THE MIDDLE RANKS MAY FEAR A DRAINING OF MANPOWER

FROM COLLECTIVE TO PRIVATE PRODUCTION, AS WELL AS A
REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF PRIVATE OUTPUT WHICH THE
INDIVIDUAL FARMER MAY BE WILLING TO SELL TO STATE-OWNED
MARKETING COOPERATIVES AT FIXED PRICES.
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